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Columbus Police Want to Kick it With You!

The Columbus Division of Police is teaming up with Humanizing the Badge, a non-profit organization, to help strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the community.

In June 2017, Columbus Police Officer Anthony L. Johnson participated in Humanizing the Badge's community relations project called Project Human. Officer Johnson traveled to San Diego and volunteered with officers around the country to help the homeless, clean up blighted areas and play dodgeball with community members while engaging in meaningful dialogue.

Next week Humanizing the Badge is coming to Columbus!

On Monday, August 21, 2017 at 3pm officers with the Columbus Division of Police are inviting the community to join them, as well as officers from California, Texas, Michigan, Colorado and Missouri, in a game of kickball at the Douglas Community Center.

On Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 4pm the Columbus Dream Center, a local non-profit organization, will host Humanizing the Badge at Weinland Park Elementary School where Columbus Police officers and others will pass out 400 backpacks fill with school supplies to students.

On Wednesday, August 23, 2017 from 5pm-8pm at Nelson Park, Humanizing the Badge will host a cook out with water balloon & super soaker games for the children. A question and answer dialogue will also be part of this community event.

*Media interviews will be available

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